



**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION
ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

APPELLANT: Vitaliy Domoratskiy
DOCKET NO.: 08-22901.001-R-1
PARCEL NO.: 09-13-307-013-0000

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board are Vitaliy Domoratskiy, the appellant, and the Cook County Board of Review.

Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the Cook County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuation of the property is:

**LAND: \$8,404
IMPR.: \$31,745
TOTAL: \$40,149**

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

ANALYSIS

The subject property is improved with a class 2-03 multi-level, single family dwelling of masonry construction containing 1,443 square feet of living area¹. The dwelling is 46 years old. Features of the home include a partial finished basement and a 2-car garage.

The appellant's appeal is based on unequal treatment in the assessment process. The appellant submitted information on four comparable properties described as class 2-03 masonry or frame and masonry dwellings that range in age from 43 to 47 years old. The appellant claims the comparables range in size from 381 to 435 square feet of living area. All comparables feature partial finished basements, central air conditioning and 2-car garages. The appellant provided no documentation such as copies of the property record cards for the subject and the comparables verifying the sizes of the dwellings. The comparables have improvement assessments ranging from \$27,865 to \$28,472. The subject's improvement assessment is \$31,745 or \$22.00 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

¹ The appellant claims the subject contains 388 square feet of living area. The board of review claims the subject contains 1,443 square feet of living area.

The board of review submitted its "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the subject's final assessment was disclosed. The board of review presented descriptions and assessment information on four comparable properties consisting of class 2-03 or class 2-34 multi-level masonry dwellings that range in age from 44 to 50 years old. The dwellings range in size from 1,337 to 1,461 square feet of living area. All comparables feature partial finished basements and 2 or 2½-car garages. Three have central air conditioning. These properties have improvement assessments ranging from \$30,496 to \$35,888 or from \$22.56 to \$24.63 per square foot of living area. Based on this evidence, the board of review requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After reviewing the record and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal. The Board further finds a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

The appellant contends unequal treatment in the subject's improvement assessment as the basis of the appeal. Taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). After an analysis of the assessment data, the Board finds the appellant has not met this burden.

The Board finds the property record card is the best evidence of size of the subject. The appellant listed the size of the subject as 388 square feet of living area and the sizes of the appellant's comparable dwellings as ranging from 381 to 435 square feet of living area. These sizes were not supported by any independent evidence such as the property record cards. Without accurate sizes the Board cannot determine the improvement assessment per square foot, which is necessary to compare dwellings of different sizes. Therefore, the Board gave little weight to the comparables submitted by the appellant. The Board finds the comparables submitted by the board of review were most similar to the subject in size, style, exterior construction, features and age. Due to their similarities to the subject, these comparables received the most weight in the Board's analysis. These comparables had improvement assessments that ranged from \$22.56 to \$24.63 per square foot of living area. The subject's improvement assessment of \$22.00 per square foot of living area is below the range established by the most similar comparables. After considering adjustments and the differences in both parties' comparables when compared to the subject, the Board finds the subject's improvement assessment is equitable and a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.

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DISSENTING: _____

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: June 24, 2011

Allen Castrovillari

Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing

complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.